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SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS WITH PERUVIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS
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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES DETAILED REPORT IN REFTEL
DESCRIBING GOP VIEWS ON VARIETY OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS
POLICY ISSUES. INFORMATION ON PERU'S PLANS FOR
PREPARATORY WORK FOR 79 WARC IS HELPFUL. USG HAS RECENTLY
FORMED INTER-AGENCY WORKING GROUP TO SCHEDULE AND
COORDINATE SERIES OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL
CONSULTATIONS OVER NEXT TWO YEARS IN PREPARATION FOR
79 WARC, AND WILL BE INTERESTED IN EXCHANGING VIEWS
WITH GOP AS EACH OF US DEVELOPS POSITIONS FOR CONFERENCE.

2. U.S. AGREES WITH ROMERO VIEW THAT CITEL SHOULD BE A
PRIMARY FORUM IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE FOR COORDINATING
REGION'S VIEWS ON 79 WARC. AT RECENT COM/CITEL MEETING
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IN RIO U.S. STRONGLY SUPPORTED CITEL DECISION TO HAVE
MEETINGS IN 1978 AND EARLY 1979 FOR CONSULTATION ON
79 WARC. U.S. RESPECTFULLY DISAGREES WITH ROMERO OPINION
THAT U.S. LACKS INTEREST IN CITEL. GOP REPRESENTATIVE
AT RECENT COM/CITEL MEETING WAS COL. PASARO WHO WE
BELIEVE WILL AGREE THAT U.S. DELEGATION WAS ACTIVE IN
PROMOTING AN ENERGETIC AND EFFECTIVE CITEL ORGANIZATION.

U.S. HAS PARTICIPATED IN MANY MEETINGS OF CITEL TECHNICAL COMMITTEES AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE ACTIVE. RECENT COM/CITEL MEETING APPROVED THREE YEAR SCHEDULE OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT U.S. WILL BE AT MANY OF THEM.

3. DEPARTMENT REGRETS ROMERO MISUNDERSTANDING OF U.S. ROLE IN GROUNDWAVE PROPAGATION STUDY. THAT IS A PROJECT FUNDED BY UNDP TO WHICH THE U.S. IS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR, AS WE ALSO ARE TO THE OAS WHICH IS CITEL'S PARENT ORGANIZATION. IN REGARD TO U.S. SUPPLYING CITEL WITH TECHNICAL DATA AND STUDIES, U.S. HAS CONTRIBUTED DATA IN RESPONSE TO SEVERAL CITEL REQUESTS. IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THIS NEED. U.S. IS MOST ANXIOUS TO WORK CLOSELY WITH PERU AND OTHER CITEL MEMBER COUNTRIES TO PROMOTE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATION.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY INFORMING ROMERO OF CONTENTS OF THIS MESSAGE AND SUGGESTING THAT HE WRITE TO DEPARTMENT EXPRESSING HIS VIEWS ON CITEL AND 79 WARC. HE SHOULD ADDRESS LETTER TO JOHN J. O'NEILL, JR., DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS POLICY, WHO WILL BE PLEASED TO BRING HIS VIEWS TO OTHER USG AGENCIES IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY FIELD. KISSINGER

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